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### Secretary of State Debra Bowen Announces Certified List of 15<sup>th</sup> Senate District Candidates

**SACRAMENTO** – Secretary of State Debra Bowen today announced the certified list of candidates who will appear on the Special Primary Election ballot to fill the vacancy in the 15<sup>th</sup> Senate District seat. The candidates and their official ballot designations are:

- **John Laird (Democratic) – Educator**
- **Sam Blakeslee (Republican) – Independent Business Owner**
- **Mark Hinkle (Libertarian) – Small Business Owner**
- **Jim Fitzgerald (Independent) – Retired Transportation Manager**

The Special Primary Election will be held June 22 to fill the vacancy left by the appointment of Senator Abel Maldonado as Lieutenant Governor. In a special primary, the candidates from all qualified parties appear on one ballot.

If one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast (50 percent plus one), no further election will be necessary. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, a Special General Election will be held on August 17, with a ballot featuring the person from each qualified political party who received the most votes in the primary.

The official certified list of candidates, with contact information for each of them, is available at [www.sos.ca.gov/elections/Special/sd15/sd15-certified-list.pdf](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/Special/sd15/sd15-certified-list.pdf).

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